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TECHNOLOGY

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#### **Overview**



- Survey background
- Survey results
- Implications and way ahead



#### **Executive Summary**



- Homogeneous job structure with five independent jobs
  - identified
- Technical tasks are performed throughout all skill levels
- Career ladder documents well-supported by survey data
- Job satisfaction indicators are very good



#### **Work Performed**



 Designs, welds, heat treats, fabricates, and machines precision tools, components, and assemblies for aerospace weapon systems and related support equipment (SE).



#### **Current Training Program**



- AFSC-awarding course
  - 362 TRS, Aberdeen Proving MD
  - J3ABR2A731-003, Aircraft Metals Technology Apprentice Course, 19 weeks, 2 day
  - 29 Semester hours for CCAF

Programmed TPR
 Programmed Elimination Rate

FY05: 223 students FY05: 2%

FY06: 299 students FY06: 3%



#### **Survey Background**



- Last Occupational Survey Report (OSR) August 2000
- Current survey developed August October 2001
  - Aberdeen Proving Ground MD (Tech School) (4)
  - Barksdale AFB LA (3)
  - Travis AFB CA (4)
  - McChord AFB WA (5)
  - Nellis AFB NV (3)





#### **Survey Background**



- Survey initiated to obtain data to:
  - Evaluate current classification and training documents
  - Support promotion test development
- Current survey data collected May August 2004
- Components surveyed:
  - Active Duty: 3-, 5-, 7-Skill Levels
  - Guard: 5- and 7-Skill Levels
  - Reserve: 5- and 7-Skill Levels





### **Survey Sample Characteristics**

	<u>AD</u>	<u>AFRC</u>	<u>ANG</u>	<u>Total</u>
Assigned*	733	248	449	1,430
Mailed Out	678	215	416	1,309
Sample	562	108	204	798
Usable Returns	83%	49%	50%	60%

- Average time in career field for AD: 6 yrs 6 mos
- Average TAFMS for AD: 7yrs 8 mos
- Percent of AD in first enlistment: 30%

<sup>\*</sup> Assigned as of Jan 05



### **Paygrade Characteristics**







#### Paygrade Distribution

		Assigned*	Sample	
E-1 - E	-2 -	5%	3%	
E-3	-	16%	18%	
E-4	-	18%	18%	
E-5	-	25%	27%	
E-6	-	22%	21%	
E-7	-	14%	13%	

<sup>\*</sup> Assigned as of May 04



### **Command Representation**

















Command	Assigned %**	Sample %
ACC	28	28
PACAF	10	11
AMC	9	9
AETC	7	6
USAFE	6	6
AFSOC	4	4
AFMC	1	1
AFRC	12	12
ANG	23	23





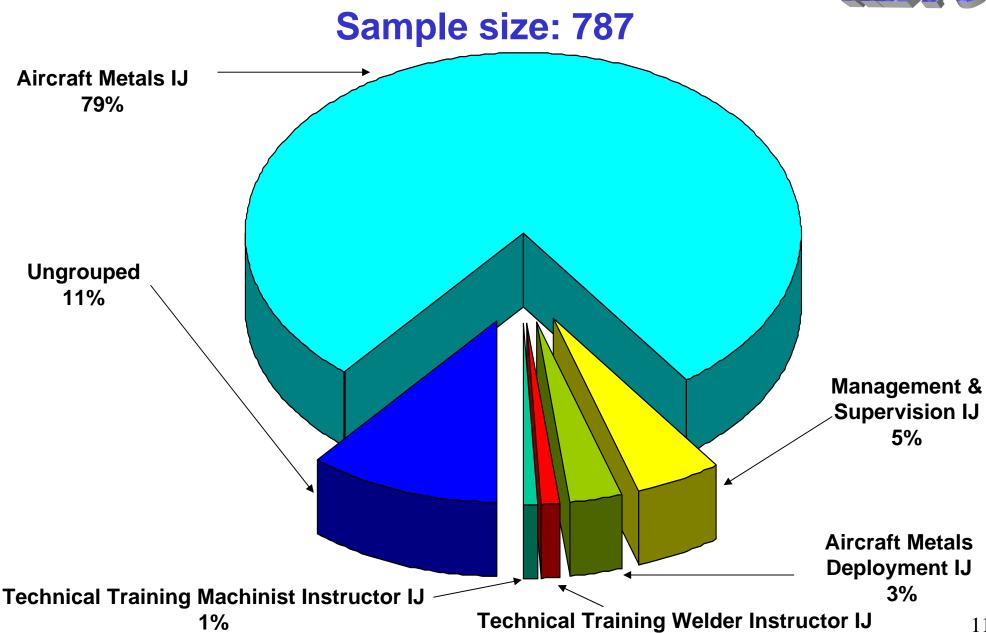
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#### **Job Structure**



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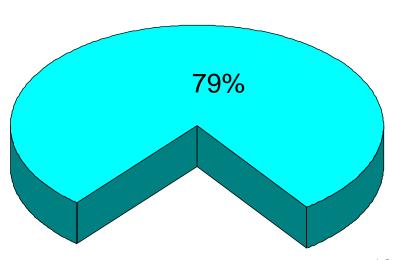


### Aircraft Metals Technology IJ

(N=620)

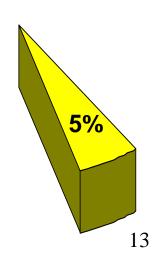


- Drill holes on lathes
- Drill holes with milling machines
- Perform parting operations on lathes
- Perform straight turning operations on lathes
- Face or center drill materials on lathes
- Remove damaged screws
- Deburr machined surfaces
- Perform filing operations on lathes
- Bore straight holes on lathes
- Maintain personal protective gear
- Clean or store hand tools



# Management And Supervision IJ (N=35)

- Counsel subordinates concerning personal matters
- Conduct self-inspections or self-assessments
- Write or indorse military performance reports
- Write recommendations for awards or decorations
- Counsel trainees on training progress
- Assign personnel to work areas or duty positions
- Conduct supervisory performance feedback sessions
- Evaluate personnel for compliance with performance standards





# Aircraft Metals Technology Deployment IJ (N=24)



- Remove damaged screws
- Maintain personal protective gear
- Inventory composite tool kits (CTKs)
- Inspect parts
- Research information in technical orders (TOs), standards, or specifications
- Clean or store hand tools
- Remove or replace damaged bolts
- Inspect work areas for safe working environments
- Maintain precision tools or fixtures



# Technical Training Machinist Instructor IJ (N=8)

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- Conduct formal course classroom training
- Evaluate progress of trainees
- Deburr machined surfaces
- Personalize lesson plans
- Administer or score tests
- Counsel trainees on training progress
- True or dress grinding wheels
- Interpret blueprints or shop drawings
- Perform straight turning operations on lathes
- Assemble or disassemble machines or equipment

1%



# Technical Training Welder Instructor IJ (N=6)



- Evaluate progress of trainees
- Conduct formal course classroom training
- Personalize lesson plans
- Administer or score tests
- Evaluate effectiveness of training programs, plans, or procedures
- Arc weld carbon steels in flat position
- Complete student entry or withdrawal forms
- Weld carbon steels with oxyacetylene equipment in flat position
- Braze ferrous metals, other than cast iron or steel castings, with oxyacetylene equipment

1%



#### **Career Ladder Progression**



- 3- and 5-skill-level personnel
  - Work in the most technical jobs in the career field
  - Spend most of their time on technical tasks
- 7-skill-level personnel
  - Continue to perform technical tasks
  - However, take on supervisory, training, and administrative duties



## Percent Across Specialty Jobs DAFSC



	DAFSC	DAFSC	DAFSC
	2A731	2A751	2A771
	(N=179)	(N=371)	(N=237)
Aircraft Metals Job	85	82	69
Aircraft Metals Deployment Job	2	3	4
Management And Supervision Job	*	1	13
Technical Training Machinist Instructor Job	*	2	*
Technical Training Welder Instructor Job	*	1	*
Not Grouped	13	11	14

<sup>\*</sup> Less than 1%



# Career Ladder Progression Percent Time Spent on Duties



	DAFSC 2A731 (N=176)	DAFSC 2A751 (N=246)	DAFSC 2A771 (N=91)
Performing General Aircraft Metals Technology Activities	26	23	17
Maintaining Tools And Equipment	18	17	12
Performing Lathe Operations	11	9	5
Performing Milling Machine Operations	6	6	4
Performing Power Cutoff Saw, Contour Saw And Grinding			
Machine Operations	6	5	3
Performing Oxyacetylene Operations	4	3	2
Performing ARC Welding And Resistance Welding			
Operations	4	3	2
Performing Tungsten Inert Gas (TIG) Shielded Welding			
Operations	11	9	2
Performing Metallic Inert Gas (MIG) Shielded Welding			
Operations	*	2	*
Performing Aircraft Engine Repair Activities	1	2	1
Performing Cleaning And Heat Treating Activities	3	2	2
Performing Metals Testing And Identification Procedures	3	3	4
Performing Aircraft And Missile Structures And Components	1	1	1
Performing Maintenance Management Activities	1	2	6
Performing General Aircraft Or Cross Utilization Training			
(CUT) Activities	2	1	2

<sup>\*</sup> Less than 1%

# Career Ladder Progression Percent Time Spent on Duties (Cont

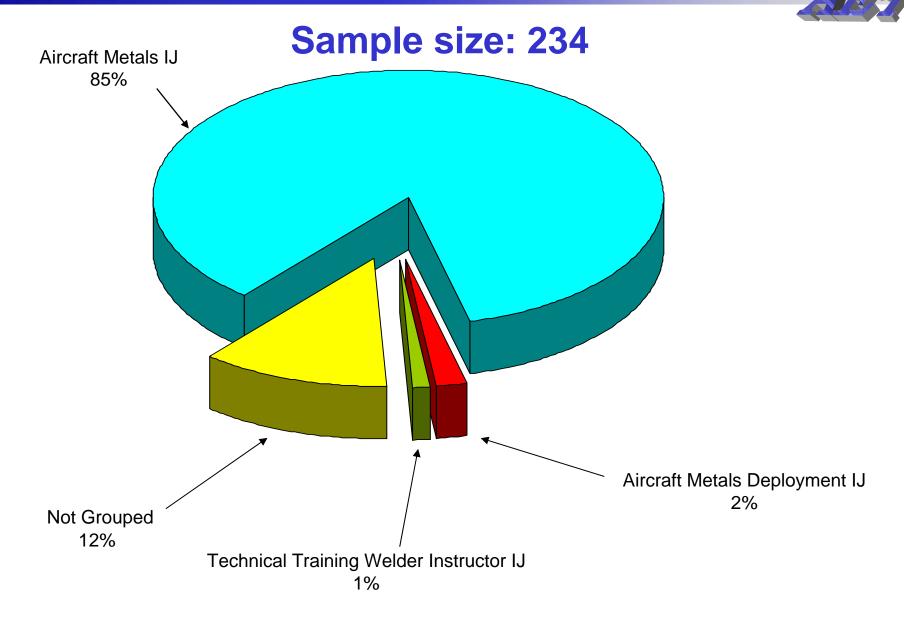
	DAFSC	DAFSC	DAFSC
	2A731	2A751	2A771
	(N=176)	(N=246)	(N=91)
Performing General Administrative And Technical Order			
(TO) Systems Activities	*	2	4
Performing General Supply And Equipment Activities	1	2	4
Performing Mobility And Contingency Activities	1	1	4
Performing Training Activities	*	3	8
Performing Management And Supervisory Activities	*	4	16

<sup>\*</sup> Less than 1%



### First-Enlistment Job Structure







## First-Enlistment Personnel Representative Tasks



Percent **Members** Performing **Tasks** (N=234)Remove damaged screws 91 Weld repair powered or nonpowered AGE 90 Drill holes on lathes 90 Remove or replace inserts, such as rosans or helicoils 88 Drill holes with milling machines 88 Deburr machined surfaces 87 Remove or replace damaged bolts 86 Face or center drill materials on lathes 85 Clean or lubricate milling machines 85 Perform parting operations on lathes 84 Bore straight holes on lathes 84 Perform straight turning operations on lathes 83 Perform Shop Math Calculations 83



## First-Enlistment Personnel CNC Controllers



	Percent
	Members
	Performing
Controllers	(N=234)
Bridgeport Series II EZ-Track DX	11
EZ-TRAK	7
FANUC	7
OTHER	7
BOSS DX 32 CNC	6
EZ-PATH II	6
Acu-Rite Milling Controller	4
CENTROID M-40	2
BOSS10	1



# First-Enlistment Personnel Measurement Tools or Equipment

	Percent
	Members
	Performing
Equipment	(N=234)
Calipers, Dial	96
Dial, Indicators	86
Calipers, Measuring Inside Diameter (ID)	78
Calipers, Measuring Outside Diameter (OD)	78
Calipers, Vernier	77
Gauges, Thread	77
Digital Readout Equipment	71
Gauges, Depth	71
Gauges, Telescope	68
Gauges, Radius	64
Gauges, Go-No-Go	61



## First-Enlistment Personnel Tools & Equipment



Percent Members Performing (N=142)<u>Equipment</u> Welders, Tungsten Inert Gas (TIG) 96 Oxyacetylene Welding Equipment 88 87 Drill presses, Hand-Feed Personal Protective Equipment 86 **Precision Measuring Equipment** 84 Grinders, Bench 83 Welders, Metallic Inert Gas (MIG) 82 81 **Belt Sanders** 80 Edge Finders **Arbor Presses** 79 **Pneumatic Hand Drills** 79 **Abrasive Sanding Machine** 74 Plasma ARC Cutter 74 Portable Welding Machines 74 Welders, Shielded ARC 74 Grinders, Pedestal 73



## Specialty Training Standard (STS) Analysis



- STS well supported by survey data
- Several technical tasks performed by 20 percent or more of members were not referenced to STS
  - These should be reviewed for possible inclusion in STS



### **Tasks not Referenced to STS**

#### **Examples**

Percent Members <u>Performing</u>				
1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Tng	Tsk	
Job	Enl	Emp	Dif	ATI
41	52	3.12	4.66	18
76	80	4.19	4.46	18
41	44	2.05	4.89	15
	Member Perform 1st Job 41	Members Performing  1st 1st Job Enl  41 52  76 80	Members Performing  1st 1st Tng Job Enl Emp  41 52 3.12  76 80 4.19	Members Performing         1st       1st       Tng       Tsk         Job       Enl       Emp       Dif         41       52       3.12       4.66         76       80       4.19       4.46

Mean TE Rating is 1.78, Standard Deviation is 1.29 (HIGH TE= 3.07) Mean TD Rating is 5.00, Standard Deviation is 1.00 (HIGH TD= 6.00)



#### **Job Satisfaction Indicators** (Current vs. Previous Study)



2000 (N=196)

94

100

84

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. 1( )( )	interesting	
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Talents well utilized

Training well utilized

Sense of accomplishment

Plan to reenlist

1-48 N	1onths	49-96 Months		97+ M	onths
2004 (N=246)	2000 (N=142)	2004 (N=62)	2000 (N=62)	2004 (N=xxx)	2000 (N=19
82	85	100	92	97	94
90	94	100	100	96	100
90	97	100	100	84	84
89	92	100	100	96	84
71	58	100	67	79	69
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### Job Satisfaction Indicators (AD) (Across Specialty Jobs)

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Job	interesting

Talents well utilized

Training well utilized

Sense of accomplishment

Plan to reenlist

Aircraft Metals Job (N=620)	Deployed Aircraft Metals Job (N=24)	Instructor Welder Job (N=6)	Instructor Machinist Job (N=6)
95	92	75	100
92	96	88	100
84	63	63	100
92	92	100	100
90	50	83	50



### Job Satisfaction Indicators (AD) (Across Specialty Jobs cont.)

Management & Supervison Job



	(N=35)
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Talents well utilized

Training well utilized 9

Sense of accomplishment

Plan to reenlist

97
69
91
83
57



### Retention Dimensions First-Term Airmen (N=111)



	Percent	
Planning to Reenlist (N=111)	Responding	Average
Military-related education/training opportunities	74	2.49
Bonus or special pay	70	2.63
Off-duty education and training opportunities	66	2.56
Job security	59	2.50
Medical or dental care for AD members	53	2.50
Planning to Separate (N=199)		
Pay and allowances	65	2.56
Civilian job opportunities	60	2.67
Military lifestyle	54	2.19
Recognition of efforts	36	2.42
Location of present assignment Scale: 1 = slight influence, 2 = moderate influence	35 nce, 3 = strong influen	2.24 ice



### Retention Dimensions Second-Term Airmen (N=134)



	Percent	
Planning to Reenlist (N=58)	Responding	Average
Bonus or special pay	79	2.74
Military-related education/training opportunities	62	2.31
Job security	55	2.59
Off-duty education and training opportunities	48	2.71
Military lifestyle	50	2.41
Planning to Separate (N=76)		
Pay and allowances	79	2.72
Civilian job opportunities	54	2.68
Military lifestyle	62	2.21
Location of present assignment	41	2.19
Recognition of efforts	39	2.27

Scale: 1 = slight influence, 2 = moderate influence, 3 = strong influence



#### Retention Dimensions Career Airmen (N=230)



	Percent	
Planning to Reenlist (N=106)	Responding	Average
Retirement benefits	72	2.67
Job security	48	2.34
Military lifestyle	48	2.19
Military-related education/training opportunities	47	2.23
Off-duty education and training opportunities	47	2.24
Planning to Separate (N=30)		
Pay and allowances	79	2.56
Civilian job opportunities	58	2.50
Military lifestyle	52	2.41
Number of PCS moves	37	2.53
Retirement benefits  Scale: 1 = slight influence, 2 = moderate influence	35 ence, 3 = strong influe	2.50 ence



#### **Summary of Results**



- Career ladder progression typical
  - Highly technical at 3-skill level progressing to more managerial at 7-skill level
- Career ladder documents well-supported by survey data
  - STS provides comprehensive coverage of work performed by career ladder
  - Review of some items warranted
- Job satisfaction indicators
  - Similar when compared to previous study across all TAFMS groups



#### Way Ahead



- OSR Delivery Trip scheduled for Aug 05
- Utilization and Training Workshop (U&TW) scheduled for Aug 05 at Aberdeen Proving Grounds MD
- Next SKT rewrite (major) scheduled for Jun 06

#### **Questions?**



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